

Cambridge Public Library Board of Library Trustees Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, February 28, 2005 in the Sakey Lecture Hall. It began with the annual joint meeting with the Friends of the Library followed by regular business. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry
- Andre Mayer
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods

also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Madeline Amorosi, Assistant Director for Public Services
- Marilyn Gagalis, Administrative Assistant

No Action Required

Ms. Flannery informed the Board that she had not received any Patriot Act requests since the January meeting.

Correspondence from Sandra Albano and John Jennings Crapo was acknowledged.

Janet Axelrod congratulated Ms. Flannery and staff for an outstanding Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative program at the Central Square Branch. It was the 30th anniversary of this program.

Ms. Flannery reported that the library had submitted the application to the Board of Library Commissioners for a Library Construction Grant.

Ms. Flannery told the Board that she had met individually with Main Library staff addressing their concerns about the impending close and move. She also solicited their ideas for staffing the various tasks involved with the move. She reported to the Board that she was most impressed with the flexibility, congeniality and overall cooperative spirit exhibited by the staff. She announced that the staff was prepared to tackle whatever necessary to make this move a success.

Action Items

Minutes from the January 2005 meeting were approved.

Ms. Flannery reported that she had sent a letter to Ms. Theresa Heinz Kerry requesting that she be the speaker for the 2005 Galbraith Lecture. Mr. Roosevelt will follow up on this request.

Ms. Flannery updated the Board on the FY06 budget. The library had its meeting with the city's financial team. No new full time positions will be approved. The City Manager has authorized Ms. Flannery to prepare a job description and recruitment plan for hiring an archivist, a position that may be granted as the opening of the new Cambridge Room nears.

Ms. Flannery suggested that board members read the "Cambridge Reads 2005" book, **The Kite Runner** and hold a discussion group at one of their meetings. It was decided to change the March meeting date to March 14, 2005 and discuss the book at that time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library.

Andre Mayer, Secretary